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REMARKS

By the instant amendments, the prior claims have been replaced by claims 16 through 20. It is submitted that claims 16 through 20 are not susceptible to being rejected, as the prior claims were rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

In each of the rejections of the prior claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) the examiner relied upon Wong *et al.* (US 5,213,588) as a secondary reference teaching addition of abrasive particles to a material used to coat a nonwoven fabric. None of claims 16 through 20 contemplate abrasive particles being added to the binder or being applied in a coating material. It is submitted, therefore, that the rejections of the prior claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are inapposite to claims 16 through 20.

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